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16-INCH PANDA

2 ozs. White, 3 ozs. Black Thick Wool

**THICK
WOOL**



THIS IS A HOME TESTED DESIGN

16-inch PANDA

In 'Kwiknit' Wool



THIS cuddlesome Panda will delight any small child. Simple and quick to knit in garter-stitch, it is stuffed with kapok and finished off with a gaily coloured ribbon and will prove an ideal soft toy for any young child.

MATERIALS : Allow 3 ozs. of Penelope W.B. Kwiknit in black and 2 ozs. in white. You will also require, 1 pair of No. 9 knitting needles ; kapok for stuffing ; $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of 1-inch wide ribbon.

TENSION : Unstretched, 6 stitches and 12 rows to 1 inch.

MEASUREMENTS : Height (after stuffing), 16 inches.

ABBREVIATIONS : K., knit ; st., stitch ; sts., stitches ; rep., repeat ; tog., together ; inc., increase (by working twice into same st.) ; dec., decrease (by taking 2 sts. tog.) ; g.-st., garter-stitch (every row k.) ; B, black ; W, white. Stitches in brackets must be worked along row to extent stated after 2nd bracket.

THE BODY

The Front : With W wool, cast on 4 sts. for lower edge. Now working in g.-st., inc. 1 st. at each end of 2nd row and every following alternate row until there are 20 sts. Work 5 rows straight, then inc. 1 st. at each end of next row. Rep. the last 6 rows twice more, then work 10 rows straight on these 26 sts. Now dec. 1 st. at each end of next row and every following 6th row until 18 sts. remain, after which dec. 1 st. at each end of the next 2 alternate rows. Work 1 row, then cast off remaining 14 sts.

Make another section in same way for back of body. Join front and back together along side and lower edges, then stuff firmly.

THE HEAD

With W wool, cast on 16 sts. for neck edge and work in g.-st., but inc. 1 st. at each end of 3rd row and every following alternate row until there are 28 sts. Work 19 rows straight. Now dec. 1 st. at each end of next row and every

following alternate row until 14 sts. remain, after which inc. 1 st. at each end of every following alternate row until there are 28 sts. Work 17 rows straight. Shape nose as follows :

Next row : K. 18 sts. ; turn. Slip remaining 10 sts. on a white thread.

Next row : K. 8 sts. ; turn. Slip remaining 10 sts. on a black thread. Work 2 rows, then dec. 1 st. at each end of next row and the following 4th row. Work 1 row, then break off wool and slip remaining 4 sts. on to a safety-pin. Now slip the 10 sts. from black thread on to needle with point to inner end ; join on W wool and pick up and k. 6 sts. along row-ends at right-hand side of centre piece, k. the 4 sts. from safety-pin, pick up and k. 6 sts. along row-ends at other side of centre piece, then k. the 10 sts. from white thread. Work 3 rows on these 36 sts.

Next row : (K. 2 tog., k. 14, k. 2 tog.) twice.

Next row : K.

Next row : (K. 2 tog., k. 12, k. 2 tog.) twice.

Next row : K.

Next row : (K. 2 tog., k. 10, k. 2 tog.) twice.

Next row : K.

Next row : (K. 2 tog., k. 8, k. 2 tog.) twice.

Next row : K.

Next row : (K. 2 tog., k. 6, k. 2 tog.) twice.

Next row : K.

Cast off remaining 16 sts.

Fold head double so that the cast-on and cast-off edges lie together and join side seams.

Stuff firmly, moulding nose to a good shape.

Sew neck edge of head to top of body, inserting a little more kapok, if necessary, to make the neck quite firm.

THE EYE PATCHES (both alike)

With B wool, cast on 4 sts. and work 1 row in g.-st., then inc. 1 st. at each end of next 3 rows ; work 1 row straight.

Next row : K. 4 ; turn. Leaving remaining stitches on a safety-pin work 6 rows on these 4 sts. Break off wool. Rejoin B wool to inner end of sts. on safety-pin, cast off 2, then k. to end. Work 7 rows on these 4 sts., then turn and cast on 2, turn again and k. the 4 sts. of first side. Work 1 row straight on these 10 sts., then dec. 1 st. at each end of next row and the following 2 alternate rows.

Cast off.

Sew patches to head, as in photograph. With B wool, work a satin-stitch spot in centre of each patch for eyes, leaving a small circle of white showing round the "pupils."

THE EARS (both alike)

With B wool, cast on 6 sts. and work 1 row in g.-st., then inc. 1 st. at each end of next 5 rows. Work 10 rows straight on these 16 sts.

Next row : K. 2 tog., k. 2, k. 2 tog., k. 4, k. 2 tog., k. 2, k. 2 tog.

Cast off.

Sew cast-off edge of each ear to side seam of head, starting at top of seam.

With B wool, work satin-stitch over end of nose, then below this work an inverted Y-shape for mouth.

THE ARMS (both alike)

With B wool, cast on 18 sts. and work 1 row in g.-st., then inc. 1 st. at each end of the next 5 rows. Work 16 rows on these 28 sts.

Dec. 1 st. at each end of next row, then work 5 rows straight.

Rep. last 6 rows once.

Next row : K. 1, (k. 2 tog., k. 2) 5 times, k. 2 tog., k. 1.

Work 3 rows straight on these 18 sts.

Next row : K. 1, (inc. in next st., k. 2) 5 times, inc. in next st., k. 1. Work 3 rows straight on these 24 sts.

Next row : (K. 2 tog., k. 8, k. 2 tog.) twice.

Next row : (K. 2 tog., k. 6, k. 2 tog.) twice.

Next row : (K. 2 tog., k. 4, k. 2 tog.) twice. Cast off. Fold knitting double widthwise and join side and cast-off edges together. Stuff arms firmly, thinning out the padding towards the paws, then sew up openings and stitch arms to body.

You should always check your tension exactly, by knitting up a square of the pattern, before starting to knit any garment. If you get fewer stitches than quoted, try needles a size smaller.

The panda was knitted in Penelope W.B. Kwiknit wool, but it can be made successfully from the same quantities of Copley "Speedinit" wool. If you cannot obtain either of these wools, and have to use another, be especially careful that you obtain the correct tension.

Different brands of wool vary a great deal from each other, even when they are of the same ply, some being tightly, some loosely spun. This results in a thinner or thicker thread, and more or fewer yards per ounce. This in turn affects the tension, and also the number of ounces required to complete a garment.

There are two main types of wool, "botany" and crossbred." Botany is of a fine, soft quality, with long yardage per ounce. Crossbred is a cheaper, coarser wool, but very hardwearing ; it weighs heavily, so has fewer yards per ounce. When substituting crossbred for botany, remember to allow a little extra wool.

HINTS ON TOY-MAKING

(1) Important to the success of making a knitted toy is the stuffing. Use plenty of kapok to fill out the shapes, pushing it well into the corners with the aid of a knitting needle. Mould the head to a good shape, characteristic of its live brother, and be specially generous when stuffing the neck to avoid a floppy head.

(2) Tightly screwed up newspaper wrapped inside the kapok for stuffing the head, body and limbs, not only economises on kapok, but gives an extra support to the toy at the same time.

(3) As a substitute for kapok stuffing, wadding may be used, or—an economical idea—finely cut up nylon stockings!

(4) Good seaming is essential too. Straightforward seams should be machine-stitched or back-stitched, but intricate curves or angles are best back-stitched to preserve the shape.

(5) Head, limbs and ears must be firmly attached with a second line of stitching if the toy is to survive the handling of a toddler.

With W wool, work a few straight stitches over ends of arms to give the effect of claws.

THE LEFT LEG

* With B wool, cast on 18 sts. and work 1 row in g.-st., then inc. 1 st. at each end of next 7 rows. Work 16 rows straight on these 32 sts. Dec. 1 st. at each end of next row: work 5 rows straight.

Rep. last 6 rows twice more, then work a further 2 rows straight.

Next row: K. 1, (k. 2 tog., k. 1) 7 times, k. 2 tog., k. 2.

Work 3 rows on these 18 sts.

Next row: K. 1, (inc. in next st., k. 1) 7 times, inc. in next st., k. 2.

Work 1 row, then shape foot thus: *

Next row: K. 14; turn. Slip remaining 12 sts. on a white thread.

Next row: K. 12; turn. Slip remaining 2 sts. on a black thread.

Work 8 rows on centre 12 sts. Break off wool. Slip the 2 sts. from black thread on to needle with point to inner end, then join on B wool and pick up and k. 6 sts. along row-ends of centre piece, k. the 12 sts. of centre section, pick up and k. 6 sts. along row ends at other side then k. the 12 sts. from white thread.

Work 3 rows on these 38 sts.

Next row: K. 12, (k. 2 tog.) twice k. 15, (k. 2 tog.) twice, k. 3.

Next row: K. 2, (k. 2 tog.) twice. k. 13, (k. 2 tog.) twice, k. 11.
Cast off.

THE RIGHT LEG

Work as given for left leg from * to *.

Next row: K. 24; turn. Slip remaining 2 sts. on a white thread.

Next row: K. 12; turn. Slip remaining 12 sts. on a black thread.

Work 8 rows on centre 12 sts. Break off wool. Slip the 12 sts. from black thread on to needle with point to inner end, join on B wool and pick up and k. 6 sts. along row-ends of centre piece, k. the 12 centre sts., pick up and k. 6 sts. along row-ends at other side of centre piece, then k. the 2 sts. from white thread.

Work 3 rows on these 38 sts.

Next row: K. 3, (k. 2 tog.) twice. k. 15, (k. 2 tog.) twice, k. 12.

Next row: K. 11, (k. 2 tog.) twice k. 13, (k. 2 tog.) twice, k. 2.

Cast off

Fold each leg double so that the side edges lie together, thus forming inner seam of leg and foot seam. Join the seams, then stuff legs firmly and sew up openings. Stitch leg tops to side seam of body. Add "claws" in W wool to base of legs.

Tie the ribbon round neck